

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JAMES L. APPLGATE

Jim Applegate is the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. Prior to assuming this role as chief academic officer for the state of Kentucky, Jim served there as Senior Fellow. He is on leave from his position as professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Kentucky. For 15 years, from 1984 until 1999 he served as chair of that Department.

He was a University Fellow and received his doctorate from the University of Illinois in 1978. The National Communication Association recognized his doctoral dissertation examining reasons for differences in the communication abilities of children and adults as one of three outstanding dissertations in the field that year. Most recently, the Kentucky Communication Association honored him as a Distinguished Alumnus of his program at the University of Illinois and Kentucky's Outstanding Communicator.

Dr. Applegate has authored numerous articles, book chapters, and research reports examining factors affecting communication ability. He has been invited to present his research at national and international meetings in the United States, Europe, Canada, and Mexico. He co-edited the book Communication by Children and Adults. His research over the last 20 years investigating "person-centered" communication development has been recognized on two occasions by professional organizations for its significant contributions to the discipline.

He is the immediate past president of the National Communication Association, the largest association of communication scholars and teachers. He previously served as president of the Southern Communication Association. He has chaired his research division and served on numerous policy and editorial boards. In 1994 Dr. Applegate was one of 35 persons from the United States and Mexico to be named an American Council on Education Fellow, allowing him to spend a year studying leadership practices in higher education. He currently serves as a consultant for the American Association for Higher Education on its Consulting Corp, helping colleges become more engaged with the needs of their communities and society as a whole.

During his 20 years at the University of Kentucky in addition to serving for 15 years as chair of the Communication Department, he served 10 years in the University Senate and as the elected chair of the University Senate Council.

In addition to his teaching, research, and service Jim has conducted over 150 lectures, seminars, and workshops for private, academic, and government organizations designed to improve communication practices and solve communication problems.